



Ministries of OGS Chapters across the country provide...

- Spiritual guidance, prayer and Bible study
- First day prayer service designed to pray for the specific needs of employees and for the organization
- Cards to staff who have lost loved ones
- Community Service Projects
- Employee Emergency Fund
- Holiday gift projects for the needy
- Blood Drives
- Food Bank Collection
- Blessing of the Hands
- Memorial Services
- Spiritual Guidance
- Fund Raisers
- Information on how to get help or assistance with domestic abuse; financial assistance; continuing education, etc.

“My faith is an important part of my life outside of work and thanks to OGS now it is an important part of my working hours as well. Knowing this makes it a joy to come to work.”

—Cindy

“The Order of Good Shepherds is important because it deepens my faith through a time of sharing with fellow believers, prayer, breaking bread together and discussing matters of faith.”

—Carol

“We are all called to share the reconciling work of God in the world. The OGS provides an effective avenue to recognize, affirm and nurture the God-given and multi-faceted work of the employees of our faith-based organizations. We are grateful for the UMA for initiating this program 15 years ago!”

—Rev. Sunny Lopez

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ORDER OF GOOD SHEPHERDS



“Responding to God’s call”
to encourage faith and ministry
in the workplace.

Outreach
Generosity
Service



The Order of Good Shepherds

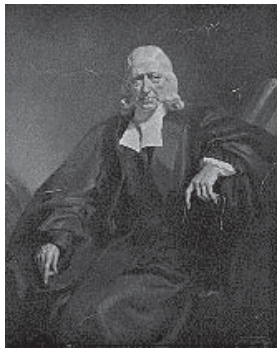
OGS assists UMA member organizations in implementing their mission, vision and values. It does this by strengthening employees' ministries and quality of work.

Our Mission

The mission of the Order of Good Shepherds is to recognize, affirm and nurture the connection between employees' faith and their ministry in the workplace.

Our History

John Wesley, an Anglican priest in England, founded the Methodist Church. He strove to make the Word of God relevant to the everyday aspects of life. He founded clinics, lending houses and worked for better conditions in the workplace. He believed that community was essential to faith and called his scattered group of followers the "connexion." And the "connexion" is today stronger than ever, linking churches, hospitals, homes for children and homes for the aging...around the world.



John Wesley
Portrait by: Frank O. Salisbury

Underlying all the work of the Order of Good Shepherds is our Wesleyan heritage. John Wesley's "Rules for Living" will be vital to organizations that sponsor an OGS chapter and to every individual member.

John Wesley's "Rules for Living"

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

Starting an OGS Chapter

After speaking with your President/CEO about starting an OGS chapter, appoint an OGS Chapter Coordinator. Your coordinator is someone who is confident in their "call to care." Please contact the UMA office for an application form and to clarify any questions you may have about OGS. UMA has start-up materials: stationery, lapel pins, posters, video/ PowerPoint presentation and patches for nominal fees. You will also receive a directory of the OGS Chapters located throughout the country, to network and share information and ideas.

OGS Benefits Employees:

- Provides support during stressful times
- Provides a network of friendships
- Offers on-going connexion groups to strengthen boundaries and strengthen faith
- Recognizes that every person of faith has a gift that can be a personal ministry and a way to serve
- Provides for participation in a national network of other persons of faith

OGS Benefits Organizations:

- Promotes a high quality of care and services provided by employees
- Promotes mental health wellness of employees
- Allows employees to live by their faith and act on their principles
- Makes good business sense – honesty, love and cooperation are valuable character traits
- Boosts morale of employees and creates cooperation among co-workers
- Helps meet the principles and standards of major accreditation programs (EAGLE, COA, CARF-CCAC)
- Encourages employees to live out the vision and mission of their employer and UMA